

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system ~~between~~  
comprising a transmitter and a receiver, ~~which said~~ transmitter  
~~transmits transmitting~~ digital data and data descriptors to the  
receiver via a communication channel, ~~which communication system is~~  
5 characterized in that the transmitter comprises:

a) analysis means for analyzing digital data so as to  
identify data referred to as multiple-use data which can be used  
several times at the receiver end, and data referred to as single-  
use data which can be used only once upon reception at the receiver  
10 end; i

b) creation means for creating data descriptors for  
describing each multiple-use data previously identified, said  
descriptors comprising a set of characterizing fields; i and

c) insertion means for inserting the data descriptors in  
15 the set of multiple-use data, each multiple-use data being then  
associated with a data descriptor,  
and in that the receiver comprises:

d) analysis means for analyzing received data so as to  
detect the presence of descriptors of multiple-use data and thus to  
20 identify multiple-use data and single-use data; i

e) storage means for storing detected multiple-use data and their associated descriptors previously received<sup>71</sup>

f) recovery means for recovering multiple-use data previously stored; and

25       fg) composition means for composing ~~the~~ contents of an application on the basis of single-use data and multiple-use data previously stored, a same data which has a multiple use in the composition of said contents being then directly recovered upon each use from said storage means by said recovery means.

2. (Currently Amended)       ~~A~~The communication system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the receiver further comprises means for updating descriptors and multiple-use data previously received and stored in said storage means, said updating means  
5   taking into account ~~in particular~~ a capacity of the receiver to deal with the contents of the multiple-use data to which said descriptors are attached and various time parameters contained in each descriptor in relation to a local clock.

3. (Currently Amended)       ~~A~~The communication system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that each descriptor of multiple-use data comprises a set of fields corresponding ~~in particular~~ to an identification code which ~~renders it possible to distinguish~~  
5   enables distinguishing the descriptor from ~~the~~ other descriptors, to the

type of data to which the descriptor is attached, to a starting date and a final date defining a time window in which the data associated with the descriptor can be used, and to a duration of use for the data associated with the descriptor.

4. (Currently Amended) A receiver for receiving digital data, characterized in that ~~it~~ said receiver comprises:

a) analysis means for analyzing received data so as to detect the presence of descriptors of multiple-use data and thus to  
5 identify multiple-use data and single-use data<sub>7,i</sub>

b) storage means for storing detected multiple-use data and their associated descriptors previously received<sub>7,i</sub>

c) recovery means for recovering multiple-use data previously stored; and

10 d) composition means for composing the contents of an application on the basis of single-use data and multiple-use data previously stored, a same data which has a multiple use in the composition of said contents being then directly recovered upon each use from said storage means by said recovery means.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The receiver as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that ~~it~~ said receiver further comprises updating means for updating descriptors and multiple-use data previously received and stored in said storage means, said updating means

5 taking into account in particular a capacity of the receiver to deal with the contents of the multiple-use data to which said descriptors are attached and various time parameters contained in each descriptor in relation to a local clock.

6. (Currently Amended) A transmitter for transmitting digital data and data descriptors over a communication channel, characterized in that ~~it~~ said transmitter comprises:

a) analysis means for analyzing digital data so as to  
5 identify data referred to as multiple-use data which can be used several times at the receiver end, and data referred to as single-use data which can be used only once upon reception at the receiver end;i

b) creation means for creating data descriptors for  
10 describing each multiple-use data previously identified, said descriptors comprising a set of characterizing fields~~,~~i and

c) insertion means for inserting the data descriptors in the set of multiple-use data, each multiple-use data being then associated with a data descriptor~~.~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A signal composed of digital data associated with descriptors, said digital data including multiple-use data, ~~which signal is~~ characterized in that each descriptor of multiple-use data comprises a set of fields corresponding ~~in~~

5 ~~particular to an identification code which renders it possible to~~  
~~distinguish~~enables distinguishing the descriptor from the other  
descriptors, to the type of data to which the descriptor is  
attached, to a starting date and a final date defining a time  
window in which the data associated with the descriptor can be  
10 used, and to a duration of use for the data associated with the  
descriptor.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of describing and recognizing  
data sent from a transmitter to a receiver via a communication  
channel, ~~which said transmitter transmits transmitting~~ digital data  
and data descriptors to the receiver, ~~which method is~~ characterized  
5 in that the transmission of the data comprises the steps of:

a) ~~an analysis step for analyzing the~~ digital data so as  
to identify data referred to as multiple-use data which can be used  
several times at the receiver end, and data referred to as single-  
use data which can be used only once upon reception at the receiver  
10 end<sub>i</sub>

b) ~~a creation step for creating~~ data descriptors for  
describing each multiple-use data previously identified, said  
descriptors comprising a set of characterizing fields<sub>i</sub> and

c) ~~an insertion step for inserting~~ the data descriptors in  
15 the set of multiple-use data, each multiple-use data being then  
associated with a data descriptor,

and in that the reception of the data comprises the steps of:

d) ~~an analysis step for~~ analyzing received data so as to detect the presence of descriptors of multiple-use data and thus to  
20 identify multiple-use data and single-use data<sub>7i</sub>

e) ~~a storage step for~~ storing detected multiple-use data and their associated descriptors previously received<sub>7i</sub>

f) recovering multiple-use data previously stored; and a composition step for

25 g) composing the contents of an application on the basis of single-use data and multiple-use data previously stored, a same data which has a multiple use in the composition of said contents being then directly recovered upon each use from said storage means  
by recovery means in said recovering step.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The communication system as claimed in claim 1 ~~between a server acting as, wherein~~ the transmitter comprises a server and ~~a terminal acting as the receiver~~ comprises a terminal for transmitting and receiving digital encoded data in  
5 accordance with the MPEG-4 standard.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer support program for a communication terminal, said computer program comprising a series of instructions which, when ~~they are~~ loaded into the communication

terminal, enable said communication terminal to execute the method  
5 of recognizing multiple-use data as claimed in claim 8.